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Elko BLM and Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Nevada Agency Now Recruiting for Summer Firefighters

The Bureau of Land Management will begin accepting applications on December 13, 2004, for summer seasonal firefighting and dispatching positions for the 2005 fire season at locations nationwide, including the Elko area and Nevada. Applications must be submitted no later than January 14, 2005 to receive first consideration in the hiring process.

The Elko Field Office is recruiting for positions on engine crews at stations in Elko, Carlin, and Wells; the Ruby Mountain Hotshot handcrew; and the Elko Helitack Helicopter firefighting crew. Government housing may be available at these stations depending on location. Salary for these positions ranges from \$8.42 to \$14.29 per hour depending on experience, with a normal term of employment from June 1 through mid-September. Selected applicants must complete a pre-employment drug screen and physical examination prior to appointment, and are subject to random drug screen testing during their period of employment. Selected applicants for primary firefighter positions must also pass the "pack test" after entering on duty. This test consists of a 3-mile walk over flat terrain carrying a 45-pound pack in 45 minutes or less.

Applications for BLM firefighting and dispatch positions nationwide must be submitted using the BLM's automated application system, called FIRES, available on the internet. To learn more about fire and aviation employment opportunities and access a link to the FIRES website,

interested applicants should call the Elko BLM Fire Information Hotline at 775-753-0301, or visit the Elko BLM Fire and Aviation website at www.nv.blm.gov/elko/fire.

The Eastern Nevada Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is also recruiting for on-call firefighters and camp crew help for the 2005 fire season. Applications are available at the front desk at the Elko BLM Office, at 3900 E. Idaho Street in Elko. Applications must be completed by both new applicants and returning Eastern Nevada Agency employees, and returned to the BLM Office no later than April 15, 2005. For more information about Eastern Nevada Agency on-call firefighting positions, call the hotline at 775-753-0301.

There will be a Job Fair at the Elko BLM office on January 5, 2005 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. to assist interested applicants with both application processes (including computers available to apply online).

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age (16 years old for Eastern Nevada Agency camp crew positions). The BLM is an equal opportunity employer, and all applicants will receive equal consideration without regard to race, color, age, sex, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, handicap, or other non-merit factors.

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